GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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VEHICULAR POLLUTION .
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that even after phasing out two-stroke auto-rickshaws, diesal buses and in introduction of CNG vehicles, vehicular pollution in the Capital has increased from 64 per cent to 72 per cent in the past ten years;

(b)if so, the reasons therefor; and (

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check the rising pollution in the Capital?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b): According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the ambient air quality trends in Delhi indicate the increase in Sulphur dioxide (SO_2), Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) and Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM) concentrations from 1991 to 1995, whereas decreasing trends have been observed from 1995 to 2001 even though there is an increase in vehicle population and fuel consumption.

(c)The steps taken by the Government to check the rising pollution in the Capital includeadoption of stringent emission norms for 4 wheeled automobiles known as Bharat Stage-II normsakin to Euro-II norms, introduction of commensurate quality of fuel, adoption of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) as auto fuels and traffic management.